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Correspondence with Mr. Harold Weisberg

Assistant General Counsel - LR

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Weisberg dated October 12, 1972, and a draft reply to be used if we are to make available to him the two Secret Service transmittal letters for the "memorandum of transfer" of the Kennedy autopsy material. If we furnish the transmittal letters to him, it is to be expected that he will make further requests for (1) the letter dated April 26, 1965, from Mr. George G. Burkley to Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln, which was the transmittal letter for the "memorandum of transfer" and is mentioned in item 6 of the Secret Service letter of March 6, 1970; and (2) our correspondence with the Secret Service before the transmittal letter of December 14, 1970, copies of which are also enclosed.

In our letter of August 19, 1970, we told Mr. Weisberg that the Secret Service transmittal letter of March 6, 1970, was withheld from research under 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b) (5), as an inter-agency letter because of references in the letter to confidential data. An alternate draft reply is enclosed which could be used if it is decided that the Secret Service transmittal letters should be withheld.

JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

Enclosures

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of October 18, 1972.

Enclosed are copies of the Secret Service transmittal letters dated March 6 and December 14, 1970, for an electrostatic copy and the original of the Government copy of the "memorandum of transfer" which are in our custody. As you know, the Kennedy family's copy of the memorandum is also held by the National Archives and Records Service for safekeeping, but it is still the property of the Kennedy family. It was used by the panel of doctors who reviewed the material relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy for Attorney General Ramsey Clark. No copy of the memorandum has been used by any other researcher.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. RHOADS
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10/27/72

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of October 12, 1972.

We have an electrostatic copy and the original of the Government copy of the "memorandum of transfer" of the material relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy. The Secret Service transmittal letters relating to these documents are withheld from research under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b) (5), as inter-agency letters because of references to confidential data. As you know, the Kennedy family's copy of the "memorandum of transfer" is held for safekeeping by the National Archives and Records Service, but it is still the property of the Kennedy family. It was used by the panel of doctors who reviewed the material relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy for Attorney General Ramsey Clark. No copy of the memorandum has been used by any other researcher.

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